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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN MITCHELL RICHARDSON,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:22-cr-00048-GMN-EJY

Preliminary Order of Forfeiture

This Court finds Stephen Mitchell Richardson pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Criminal Information charging him with receipt of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2). Criminal Information, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __.

This Court finds Stephen Mitchell Richardson agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information. Criminal Information, ECF No. __; Change of Plea, ECF No. __; Plea Agreement, ECF No. __.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (b)(2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Information and the offense to which Stephen Mitchell Richardson pled guilty.

1 The following property is (1) any visual depiction described in 18 U.S.C. § 2252A, or
 2 any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such
 3 visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation
 4 of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) and (2) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be
 5 used to commit or to promote the commission of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2) or any property
 6 traceable to such property and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a)(1) and
 7 (a)(3):

8 1. a Lenovo laptop with a Seagate 1 TB SATA hard drive, Model No.

9 ST1000LM035, Serial No. WDECF6CH; and

10 2. a Dell All in One desktop computer, Model No. Inspiron 24 series 5459,

11 Serial No. 7BFT922 with Samsung 1TB SATA hard drive, Model No.

12 ST1000LM024, Serial No. S314J90GA63732

13 (all of which constitutes property).

14 This Court finds that on the government's motion, the Court may at any time enter
 15 an order of forfeiture or amend an existing order of forfeiture to include subsequently
 16 located property or substitute property pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e) and
 17 32.2(b)(2)(C).

18 This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce
 19 the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

20 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND
 21 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory
 23 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Stephen Mitchell Richardson
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1 in the aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America
2 and shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States
4 of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet
5 government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall
6 describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition
7 contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the
8 government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)
9 and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any individual
11 or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a petition for a
12 hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, which
13 petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §
14 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's
15 right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the
16 petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,
18 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas,
19 Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was
20 not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official
21 internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the
23 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States
24 Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

1 Daniel D. Hollingsworth
2 Assistant United States Attorney
3 James A. Blum
4 Assistant United States Attorney
5 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100
6 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice
8 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by
9 the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to
10 administratively forfeit the above-described property.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send
12 copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

13 DATED April 20, 2022.

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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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